

Directorate for Engineering, NSF; and public witnesses.

HELICOPTER MEDICAL SERVICES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Oversight of Helicopter Medical Services. Testimony was heard from Representative Salazar; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Christa Fornarotto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs; and John Allen, Director, Flight Standards Service, FAA; Robert L. Sumwalt, III, Board Member, National Transportation Safety Board; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

RAILROAD REHAB/IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program. Testimony was heard from Mark Yachmetz, Associate Administrator, Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Patrick Simmons, Rail Director, Department of Transportation, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on reforming the health insurance market. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFINGS—AFRICOM UPDATE AND FBI UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on AFRICOM Update. The Committee was briefed by Terry Ford, Director, Intelligence and Knowledge Development, U.S. Africa Command, Department of Defense.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI Update. The Committee was briefed by Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Climate Change. The Subcommittee was briefed by John Phillips, Chief Scientist, CIA; MG Rich Engel, USAF (ret.), Director, Climate Change and State Stability Program, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Darrell G. Herd, Chief Research Scientist, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Ralph Cicerone, President, National Academy of Science.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 351)

H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. Signed on April 21, 2009. (Public Law 111-13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the funding of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commission, and John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, and Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine technology neutrality in energy tax, focusing on issues and options, 10 a.m., SD-215.